

Press Release

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SENATE HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE PASS LEGISLATION STREAMLINING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROCESSES

Lexington, KY – The National Emergency Management Association, representing the nation’s state emergency management directors applauds the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs’ commitment to working with stakeholders in the emergency management profession to streamline burdensome process and continue to break down barriers to achieve more equitable outcomes for the most vulnerable. Senate Bills 4654 and 4955 along with House Resolution 5641 call for additional funding flexibility providing the states greater resources to close out disasters, reduce administrative challenges for small projects, and ensure those most in need swiftly receive the required assistance.

“The state emergency managers are thrilled to see HSGAC’s leadership in moving these bills to increase the small project threshold, allow for the rollover of management costs, and create a universal disaster application. Together, these bills will speed disaster close-out, help states build capacity, and ease the burden on disaster survivors. We look forward to continuing these important discussions as these bills move over the House for final consideration.” – Erica Bornemann, NEMA President and Director of Vermont Emergency Management

The passage of these pieces of legislation is a big step in the right direction for much needed change in disaster assistance. NEMA will continue to monitor the progress of these bills through the senate and house and are hopeful for passage soon.

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